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MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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SCOPE This bulletin, compiled from details gathered in annual collections of agricultural and pastoral statistics, summarizes information of machinery on rural holdings in South Australia. The first table shows numbers of farm machines and implements on holdings in March of the years 1963 to 1967. The second table shows the number of rural holdings and the numbers of machines and implements in each county in South Australia in March 1967. Obsolete machines and those unlikely to be used again have been excluded from both tables.

TABLE 1 - MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1963 TO 1967

Type of Machine	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Tractors -					
Wheeled	28,497	29,841	30,772	30,984	32,507
Crawler	3,174	3,390	3,392	3,014	3,322
Rotary hoes & rotary tillers	4,989	5,260	5,670	5,883	5,442
Fertiliser distributors	8,213	8,413	8,743	8,893	9,166
Grain drills -					
Combine type	15,251	15,284	15,617	15,589	15,489
Other types	5,065	5,074	5,168	5,201	4,793
Headers, strippers, and harvesters	12,677	12,617	12,659	12,393	(a) 11,597
Hay presses (stationary)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Hay balers (pick-up) -					
Twine-tie	} 3,791	4,149	4,258	4,609	4,760
Wire-tie					
Hay rakes	n.a.	n.a.	6,920	n.a.	n.a.
Forage harvesters	645	660	675	764	765
Mowers	n.a.	n.a.	8,974	n.a.	n.a.
Potato diggers	n.a.	n.a.	596	n.a.	n.a.
Ploughs	n.a.	51,756	n.a.	n.a.	50,798
Hammer mills	n.a.	n.a.	1,765	n.a.	n.a.
Milking machines -					
No. of units: 1	1,264	1,172	1,147	1,058	955
2	3,784	3,672	3,526	3,323	3,082
3	1,169	1,150	1,127	1,078	1,024
4	815	864	901	903	873
5	116	119	117	121	112
6 and over	405	461	510	557	588
Total machines	7,553	7,438	7,328	7,040	6,634
Total units	18,836	19,057	19,135	18,833	18,143
Shearing machines -					
No. of stands: 1	4,939	5,015	5,090	5,156	5,198
2	7,571	7,719	7,806	7,902	7,697
3	1,399	1,428	1,505	1,533	1,694
4	442	469	509	530	562
5	89	95	93	94	102
6 and over	155	159	169	171	139
Total machines	14,595	14,885	15,172	15,386	15,392
Total stands	27,528	28,149	28,844	29,291	29,343

(a) Subject to revision.  
n.a. - Not available.



TABLE 2 - MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, COUNTIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1967

County/STATISTICAL DIVISION	Rural Holdings	Tractors		Rotary Hoes & Tillers	Drills & Combines	Fertiliser Distributors	Harvest- ers(a)(b)
		Wheel	Crawler				
Adelaide	5,628	3,507	610	1,684	892	1,406	248
Carnarvon	453	560	108	56	260	380	205
Eyre	456	456	30	34	345	54	258
Fergusson	887	1,459	136	128	1,154	250	828
Gawler	991	1,025	32	213	799	137	584
Hindmarsh	1,669	1,692	155	208	818	933	235
Light	1,528	1,490	54	277	993	422	665
Sturt	1,204	1,245	68	258	791	410	371
CENTRAL	12,816	11,434	1,193	2,858	6,052	3,992	3,394
Burra	205	227	39	25	172	40	98
Daly	919	1,434	32	169	1,209	200	809
Kimberley	63	58	14	5	33	5	20
Stanley	1,117	1,449	89	204	1,164	304	771
Victoria	924	1,044	60	197	844	159	589
LOWER NORTH	3,228	4,212	234	600	3,422	708	2,287
Dalhousie	325	369	41	41	272	37	188
Frome	582	630	64	134	546	87	338
Herbert	44	39	11	1	6	-	1
Newcastle	90	89	7	5	64	3	47
Other Counties	111	90	17	10	18	-	7
UPPER NORTH	1,152	1,217	140	191	906	127	581
Buckingham	626	868	74	75	610	417	406
Cardwell	214	323	67	25	201	125	128
Grey	1,905	1,597	124	200	593	724	81
MacDonnell	556	757	166	74	395	302	180
Robe	978	1,094	125	155	555	506	175
SOUTH EASTERN	4,279	4,639	556	529	2,354	2,074	970
Buxton	182	381	67	19	355	40	194
Dufferin	76	154	22	1	166	19	96
Flinders	564	937	174	132	747	364	485
Jervois	643	1,339	187	114	1,205	259	722
Kintore	36	66	14	5	75	8	45
Le Hunte	215	449	61	21	419	71	228
Musgrave	262	507	74	43	436	135	271
Robinson	235	447	69	18	431	60	244
Way	138	253	31	5	232	33	139
Other Counties	83	66	32	4	47	5	31
WESTERN	2,434	4,599	731	362	4,113	994	2,455
Albert	1,041	1,228	72	247	675	216	349
Alfred	775	1,072	32	208	578	216	291
Buccleuch	616	1,016	140	48	902	263	600
Chandos	411	680	52	71	565	116	372
Hamley	1,468	1,557	26	239	180	270	27
Russell	492	632	73	54	482	175	250
Young	93	99	10	28	48	15	20
MURRAY MALLEE	4,896	6,284	405	895	3,430	1,271	1,909
Outside of Counties	152	122	63	7	5	-	1
WHOLE STATE	28,957	32,507	3,322	5,442	20,282	9,166	11,597

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Headers and strippers are included but forage harvesters are excluded.



TABLE 2 - MACHINERY ON RURAL HOLDINGS, COUNTIES, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1967 (Continued)

County/STATISTICAL DIVISION	Hay Balers	Milking Machines		Shearing Machines		Forage Harvesters
		Machines	Units	Machines	Stands	
Adelaide	334	1,085	3,203	756	1,046	89
Carnarvon	93	104	200	401	814	15
Eyre	70	117	248	287	479	7
Fergusson	251	272	480	667	1,375	19
Gawler	210	243	512	528	832	25
Hindmarsh	407	848	2,780	720	1,170	92
Light	211	363	783	649	1,032	19
Sturt	244	407	1,518	549	942	35
CENTRAL	1,820	3,439	9,724	4,557	7,690	301
Burra	35	23	41	221	450	4
Daly	285	260	480	759	1,430	33
Kimberley	3	7	12	58	133	-
Stanley	313	334	662	860	1,531	26
Victoria	215	192	410	609	1,127	11
LOWER NORTH	851	816	1,605	2,507	4,671	74
Dalhousie	65	71	135	268	532	1
Frome	115	122	209	390	738	8
Herbert	1	1	2	61	144	-
Newcastle	6	2	3	90	181	-
Other Counties	-	2	3	168	427	-
UPPER NORTH	187	198	352	977	2,022	9
Buckingham	211	148	353	553	1,204	61
Cardwell	56	19	49	186	469	3
Grey	425	837	3,238	1,042	1,873	54
MacDonnell	138	114	294	444	959	31
Robe	227	233	571	820	1,687	28
SOUTH EASTERN	1,057	1,351	4,505	3,045	6,192	177
Buxton	24	13	18	153	303	2
Dufferin	5	2	3	79	181	-
Flinders	118	100	171	499	993	31
Jervois	93	101	152	606	1,110	24
Kintore	4	5	6	46	97	-
Le Hunte	36	16	27	175	332	11
Musgrave	48	20	31	250	539	8
Robinson	26	28	41	217	476	4
Way	9	12	20	124	232	-
Other Counties	-	3	11	95	243	1
WESTERN	363	300	480	2,244	4,506	81
Albert	45	52	123	306	552	23
Alfred	62	74	145	241	410	16
Buccleuch	141	130	249	572	1,074	6
Chandos	90	56	109	366	678	13
Hamley	21	33	81	54	95	24
Russell	113	182	760	260	480	33
Young	9	1	6	37	79	7
MURRAY MALLEE	481	528	1,473	1,836	3,368	122
Outside of Counties	1	2	4	226	894	1
WHOLE STATE	4,760	6,634	18,143	15,392	29,343	765

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